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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/014,724

Applicant(s)

GOULD ET AL.

Examiner

D. L. Jones

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 February 2005 & 10/12/04.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 17-32 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-32 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1. The Examiner acknowledges receipt of the amendment filed 2/3/05 wherein claims 1-16 and 33 are cancelled and claim 26 is amended.

Note: Claims 17-32 are pending.

RESPONSE TO APPLICANT'S ARGUMENTS

2. The Applicant's arguments filed 10/12/04 to the rejection of claims 17-33 made by the Examiner under 35 USC 103, 112, and/or double patenting have been fully considered and deemed persuasive-in-part for the reasons set forth below.

Double Patenting Rejections

All double patenting rejections are WITHDRAWN for reasons of record in Applicant's response.

112 First Paragraph Rejections

The 112 first paragraph rejections are WITHDRAWN for reasons of record in Applicant's response.

112 Second Paragraph Rejections

The 112 second paragraph rejections are WITHDRAWN for reasons of record in Applicant's response.

103 Rejection

The rejection of claims 17-32 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Myers et al (US Patent No. 5,602,184) in view of Gould et al (US Patent No. 5,587,402)

is MAINTAINED for reasons of record in the office action mailed 4/8/04 and those set forth below.

In summary, Applicant is not in agreement with the Examiner's reasons of obviousness. In particular, Applicant asserts that Myers teaches the effectiveness of combining a terpene with radiation and Gould et al teaches the effectiveness of the terpene themselves. Thus, Applicant concludes that neither reference speaks to the combination of terpene with chemotherapeutic methods.

First, Applicant is reminded that since the rejection is a combination rejection all the claim limitations are not in a single document. Thus, while Gould et al teaches the effectiveness of the terpene themselves, Myers et al disclose (see column 10, lines 19-22) that the cancer is more likely to respond to radiation exposure than it would have been without treatment with terpene alone. Thus, a skilled practitioner would be motivated to use a combination treatment and the knowledge obtained from the use of terpenes alone. For example, column 9-10 (Myers et al), bridging paragraph, disclose that such combination treatment is an improvement over the use of terpenes alone. Furthermore, a skilled practitioner in the art would neither negate nor ignore the data/knowledge obtained in cancer/tumor treatment using terpene alone since the improvement over an existing method is of interest. Hence, one of ordinary skill in the art would be motivated to combine the teachings of Myers et al and Gould et al.

NEW GROUNDS OF REJECTIONS

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 26 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 26, line 4: Did Applicant intend to replace 'immunomodulatory agent' with 'cytokine'? Please clarify the claim in order that one may readily ascertain what is being claimed.


5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to D. L. Jones whose telephone number is (571) 272-0617. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri., 6:45 a.m. - 3:15 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Kunz can be reached on (571) 272-0887. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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